Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there. Gluten-free bread is available on the table.

Communion Song: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry" LUYH 527
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LUYH 772

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits–
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Jerusalem the Golden" LUYH 488:1,3

Worship Participants

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Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025



Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

†Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 62:1-2,7-8 p.898

Truly my soul finds rest in God, my salvation comes from him.
Todah Adonai.
Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.
Todah Adonai.
My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
Todah Adonai.
Trust in him at all times, you people.
Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.
Todah Adonai.

*Song: "I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)"

1. ***For God alone I wait in silence. My soul is still before the Lord.***
He is my rock and my salvation, my fortress strong; I trust in Him.

Chorus: ***I'll not be shaken, I'll not be shaken, for all my hope is in his love.***
From God alone comes my salvation; I'll wait and trust his steadfast love.

2. ***Put not your hope in gain of riches; seek not your rest in empty wealth.***
The rich are weak, the poor are mighty who turn to God alone for help.

3. ***Pour out your heart to God our refuge and trust in him to hear you cry.***
No other hope will never fail you, no other love will not run dry.

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "How Firm a Foundation" LUYH 427

We Are Reconciled & Renewed

Sung Prayer of Confession: "Love the Lord"

Words of Assurance: Isaiah 1:18 p.1061

Trust in him at all times, you people.
Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.
Todah Adonai.

Chorus: ***We will stand as children of the promise.***
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

3. ***By faith the prophets saw a day***
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

4. ***By faith the church was called to go***
in the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth. *(to chorus)*

5. ***By faith this mountain shall be moved***
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. *(to chorus)*

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God Meets Us at the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.
(Prayer continues...)

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" LUYH 813:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Guide for Grateful Living: The Ten Commandments

Hear, O people of God, the law which the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

Living no more in bondage to earthly gods,
we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

We will use the holy name of God with reverence,
praising him in everything we do and say.

You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy,
for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The first part of the law is this great commandment:

That we love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our mind, and with all our strength.

The second part of the Law is similar to the first:
you shall honor your father and mother,
that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord;
as parents we will correct our children and guide them
in the training and instruction of the Lord;
we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

You shall not murder.

We will be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

You shall not commit adultery.

We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable,
and abstain from immorality and impurity.

You shall not steal.

We will do what we can for our neighbor's good,
and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love,
render judgments that are true and make for peace,
and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We will be content whatever the circumstances
through the strength of Christ within us.

Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!

Invitation to Giving

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: "We Long to See You (Psalm 24)"

Almighty God, we long to see You.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;
come teach our souls to love Your truth.

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Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16 p.1874

Message: "We See and We Will See" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "By Faith"

1. ***By faith we see the hand of God***
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

2. ***By faith our fathers roamed the earth***
with the power of His promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.